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SUBJ: PROPOSED TRANSFER OF RESEARCH REACTOR TO MEXICO

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1. MISSION HAS LEARNED INFORMALLY FROM AGENCY THAT,
UPON INSTRUCTIONS, MEXICAN AMBASSADOR HAS INFORMED AGENCY
THAT, UNLESS MEXICAN PROPOSAL OF APRIL 27 ACCEPTED, GOM
PREFERS TO DROP FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF RESEARCH REACTOR
PROJECT INVOLVING DONATION OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH REACTOR. MEXICAN PROPOSAL OF APRIL 27 IS ESSENTIALLY
THAT CONTAINED IN PARA ONE REF C, WHICH REFERS
TO THE UNDERTAKING IN PROPOSED PROJECT/SUPPLY AGREEMENT.
MEXICAN PROPOSAL DELETES SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO A "ANY
NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE" AND INCORPORATES DIRECT LINKAGE
TO TREAT OF TLATELOLCO. AGENCY IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT
GOM FORMULATION, FOR REASONS NOTED PREVIOUSLY.
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2. AGENCY WAS DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN MEXICAN
REACTION AND SOUGHT TO PERSUADE MEXICAN

AMBASSADOR THAT THIS POSITION WILL ONLY SERVE TO
CREATE UNFOUNDED SUSPICIONS RE MEXICO'S INTENTIONS
AND CAST DOUBTS ON MEXICO AS A LEADING PROPONENT

AND NON-PROLIFERATION MATTERS. MEXICAN AMBASSADOR
REPORTEDLY NOTED SIMPLY THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS.

3. COMMENT: MISSION WAS NOT RPT NOT SURPRISED AT
MEXICAN RESPONSE. WE HAVE SEEN OTHER EVIDENCE
THAT MEXICO HAS TENDED TO TRANSLATE SAFEGUARDS AND
OTHER NON-PROLIFERATION MEASURES SOUGHT BY U.S. AND
OTHER SUPPLIERS INTO NORTH-SOUTH ISSUE. MEXICAN
OPPOSITION TO RECENT BOARD OF GOVERNORS DECISION TO
REQUIRE AGENCY SAFEGUARDS IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN
KINDS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED THROUGH AGENCY IS
AN EXAMPLE OF THIS. THIS IS CLEARLY NOT RPT NOT A
LOGICAL POSITION FOR MEXICO TO TAKE IN LIGHT OF ITS
LONGSTANDING SUPPORT FOR NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION
MEASURES. WE NOTE WITH INTEREST, HOWEVER, THAT
MEXICAN RESPONSE DOES NOT RPT NOT REFER TO ALL OF
THE ADDITIONAL CHANGES REQUESTED BY U.S. IN PROPOSED
DRAFT PROJECT/SUPPLY AGREEMENT, BUT IS CONFINED
SOLELY TO THE UNDERTAKING. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW
WHETHER OR NOT RPT NOT THIS WAS DELIBERATE.
PERHAPS EMBASSY MEXICO COULD SHED FURTHER LIGHT ON
THIS ASPECT OF MATTER. END COMMENT.

4. MISSION ANTICIPATES NO RPT NO FURTHER ACTION BY
AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROJECT IN LIGHT OF
MEXICAN RESPONSE. STONE
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